(c) The State Government has informed that steps are being initiated to provide adequate security to the staff to be deployed for the Census work.

Lottery Scheme run by Karnataka Government

4781. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Karnataka Government has been running lottery scheme for the past three decades; and

(b) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Centre not to ban the running of State lotteries as the amount collected will be utilised for the implementation of welfare schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has been running its lottery scheme since 1969-70.

(b) No, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has not requested the Government of India not to ban lotteries.

Crime Menace in Delhi

4782. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the National Crime Records Bureau, Delhi the Capital is 2.7 times ahead in the crime menace of any other city in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the report; and

(c) what special measures are being taken / have been taken to tackle the crime menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The report furnished by the National Crime Record Bureau indicates that the crime rate during 1998 in some other cities was higher than that in Delhi.

(c) The measures taken to tackle the crime situation in the National Capital Territory of Delhi include intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on and frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals and terrorists; verification of antecedents of domestic servants; increased surveillance on